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(54) Title: **REDUCED-EXPOSURE TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methodologies, including the utilization of genetically modified (GM) tobaccos, for the development and production of consumer acceptable PREPs encompassing the following: 1) production of low tar-to-nicotine ratio cigarettes, which allow smokers to obtain satisfying amounts of nicotine more efficiently than conventional cigarettes while reducing whole smoke deliveries; thereby reducing smoker "compensation" that exists with conventional low-yield cigarettes; 2) reduction of harmful tobacco-specific nitrosamines in tobacco products by genetic means and by extracting nicotine from tobacco and combining such with genetically modified reduced-nicotine tobacco; 3) production of improved expanded tobacco which utilizes genetically modified increased-nicotine tobacco; and 4) production of reconstituted tobacco which includes any combinations of the following: genetically modified increased-nicotine tobacco, genetically modified reduced-nicotine tobacco, tobacco leaf fractions, and freshly harvested freeze-dried tobacco.

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